



City of Grand Rapids

Get involved! Volunteer to serve as a Grand Rapids Board Member or Commissioner

10/06/17: GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – “Government of the people, by the people, for the people” — a sentiment of President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 that drives Grand Rapids municipal government today.

Mayor Rosalynn Bliss and city commissioners are encouraging citizens to apply for the City of Grand Rapids’ 40 boards and commissions. Several of these boards and commissions have immediate vacancies, and City Commission is beginning the annual appointment process for 2018.

The City is conducting a volunteer drive to welcome citizens to serve, even if they have never participated in City government.

“We are looking for individuals who have a passion for community services and who want to get more involved in City government,” Mayor Bliss said. “Individuals who serve on our boards and commissions review City initiatives, make development recommendations, protect our water, improve our neighborhoods and help shape the future of Grand Rapids.”

To review vacant positions and requirements or to apply for a board or commission, visit grandrapidsmi.gov/Government/Boards-and-Commissions.

The City Commission appoints citizens to boards and commissions to ensure representation from all three city wards and to represent the racial, ethnic and gender composition of the community.

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